

REMARKS

The office action rejected claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Lucas (U.S. Patent 6,865,737). Independent claims 1, 8, 15, 16, and 20 were amended to specify that the same application and server configuration data were sent to a plurality of servers. The other claims were amended to correct antecedent basis issues. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 15, 16, and 20 are not anticipated by Lucas because Lucas does not teach or suggest the following steps. Lucas does not teach or suggest the step of "transferring to said server a package, said package comprising said application and server configuration data." The office action cites the summary of the invention but that part of Lucas says nothing about transmitting an application nor configuration data to a plurality of servers. The part of Lucas cited (summary at lines 42-45) does not discuss applications and the configuration sent to the server will vary from server to server. Lucas does not teach sending configuration data to the plurality of servers as claimed. See claim 1(a) of Lucas, the use of the word "parameter" implies that this quantity will vary from server to server. Also note that the information is "server-specific" for the selected server. Therefore, in Lucas the specific information varies from server to server. See col. 1, lines 40-45. Claims 2-7, 10-14, 17-19 and 21-25 are dependent on claims that have been amended as above and are patentable for at least the same reasons.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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